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ART. IV. Every annual subscriber of two dollars, and every donor of five dollars, shall be a member of this Society.

ART. V. The payment of twenty dollars at one time, shall constitute any person a Life-member, and fifty dollars, a Life director.

ART. VI. The chairman of each corresponding committee, the officers and delegates of every auxiliary contributing to the funds of this Society, and every minister of the gospel who preaches once a year on the subject of peace, and takes up a collection in behalf of the cause, shall be entitled to the privileges of regular members.

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